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I believe the proposed settlement is a very bad idea. I do not see how
it will restore competition and effective consumer choice in the
personal computer operating system market.

In particular, it excludes the open source development community from
consideration completely. Freely available operating systems such as
Linux or FreeBSD which are able to run Windows applications would
provide very real competitors to the Windows monopoly, but Microsoft does
not disclose information about its application programming interfaces,
file formats and communication protocols which would allow these
operating systems to run Windows applications. A settlement which
enforced this would go a long way to opening the personal computer
operating system market to real competition, giving consumers a real
choice at last.

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